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## \*COVID-19 UPDATE\*

Twenty-three Additional Residents Test Positive for Virus, Bringing Total to 315; #Hope for Framingham as Community Pauses for Reflection and Prayer Monday, April 20

- Twenty-three more people test positive for COVID-19 in Framingham: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 315. With 21 cases recovered and seven fatalities, Framingham currently has 287 active cases. Following the guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Framingham Department of Health has not shared any additional information about those who have tested positive because of privacy laws. The Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps.
- #Hope for Framingham as Community pauses for reflection and prayer Monday, April 20: The Framingham Interfaith Community Association along with Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer invite you to join to Pause for Reflection and Prayer, on Monday, April 20, at 6:00p.m. It is a time to acknowledge losses and challenges, pray for those who are sick or suffering, give thanks for all the people on front lines, and claim hope for the future. People are invited to shine a light of hope, reflect on hope, or join in on a virtual interfaith gathering for reflection and prayer, led by community spiritual leaders. For additional details, please reference the information here.
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found <a href="here">here</a>. To receive information from the City on a mobile device, text "Join FraminghamMA" to 30890. Residents also can find updates on <a href="facebook">Facebook</a> and Twitter @Framingham\_MA. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the "Alert Framingham" phone messaging system, otherwise known as Rave. To sign up for the City's Rave system, please go here: <a href="https://www.smart911.com/">https://www.smart911.com/</a>